(*b*) & (*c*) The member is referred to the Royal Proclamations dated 14-3-35 and 13-6-35.

(*d*) Not that Government are aware of.

(*e*) By the time the period of the 2nd Proclamation expired, the Committee's report was received and the High Court issued a circular regarding the arrest and detention of judgment debtors based generally on the recommendations of the committee. Government considered that this concession would be enough till they issued final orders on the committee's report.

(*f*) Yes, subject to certain conditions.

Mr. P. Padmnabhan Tampi: With reference to the answer to part (*e*), may I know from the member whether the relief granted to the agriculturists by giving instructions to the courts are sufficient to relieve them from their present condition ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: That was all that was possible. At that time the committee's report was under the consideration of Government and honourable members know that a Bill has been introduced in the Lower House. By the time the period of the second Proclamation expired the Government thought it would be enough to ask the High Court to issue a circular.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: May I know whether it is not feasible to give further relief before the passing of the Bill in the Lower House.

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I don't quite understand the question

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: Is it not proper that some interim relief should be given before the Bill that is now before the Assembly is passed into law ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Government think that the circular issued by the High Court is sufficient for the time being.

Auction sale of immovable property in execution of decrees.

235. ***Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether auction sales of immovable property in execution of decrees were suspended for a period of 6 months ;

(*b*) what are the grounds and reasons for granting the concession ;

(*c*) why the said concession was withdrawn:

(*d*) the number of sales of immovable property since the withdrawal of the concession ; and

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(*e*) the extent of land involved and the amount of money realised?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) Yes; in respect of certain classes of decrees and subject to certain terms.

(*b*) The member is referred to the preamble to the Royal Proclamations dated 14-3-1935 and 13-6-1935.

(*c*) By the time the period of the second Proclamation expired, the report of the Agricultural Debts Redemption Committee was received and the High Court issued a circular regarding attachment and sale of immovable properties in execution of decrees based generally on the recommendations of the committee. Government considered that this concession would be enough until they issued final orders on the committee's report.

(*d*) & (*e*) The time and labour involved in collecting the information is, in the opinion of Government, out of all proportion to its possible utility.

Export of coir mats and small mats.

236. * **Mr. J. John Kattakayam**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the concerted action of ship-owners has now considerably retarded the progress of trade in coir mats and small mats;

(*b*) what is the freightage from Alleppey to Bombay; and

(*c*) what is the freightage from Bombay to England?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: (*a*) Government have no information.

(*b*) The freight from Alleppey to Bombay on coir mats is Rs. 11-4-0 per ton of 40 c. ft. less 10 per cent rebate at the end of 6 months. This rebate is subject to the condition that no shipment is made in any steamer which is outside the Shipping Conference Lines.

(*c*) The freight from Bombay to London is subject to fluctuations, as Bombay is an open port where there is keen competition between rival lines. A freight of 17 shillings per ton of 50 c. ft. may be taken to be a fair approximation. 10 per cent extra for mats in bundles has also to be paid under storage rules. There is a surcharge of 5 per cent on both mats and mattings.

Opening a public market at Lalam.

237. * **Mr. J. John Kattakayam**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

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